

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES FOR THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2007

Present: Cllr Davis, Cllr Perrett, Cllr Maynard, Cllr Mander, Cllr Marrow, Cllr B Taylor, Dist Cllr Dennis, Cllr Radford and the Clerk. Three members of the public were also in attendance.

1. Apologies

PC M Davies, Dave Scott (MDDC), Cllr Hancock, Cllr Crook, Cllr K Taylor, Cllr Bush, Cllr Crawford.

**2. Willand Moor Development Adoption / Social Behaviour – update
S106 Funds for Health and Youth Contribution Facilities**

The Chairman gave thanks to Cllr Dennis, Cllr Maynard, the Clerk and Officers of Mid Devon in clarifying how the S106 monies could be spent.

£37,021 is available from the Willand Moor development plus £6k which is in the pot already. Match funding could be used to make the figure bigger. It was suggested that one large project might be better. It was proposed that all the money be used to improve and extend the youth club. All in favour – unanimous.

Julie Lester was deeply honoured that the Council were keen to support the youth club. The Youth Worker has recently been surrendered. A Youth Worker for the village would be a good idea for Willand to work with the older youths. The youth club would like to cater for the older children. A Youth Worker would be able to provide some structure for the club. Youth Capital and Opportunities fund which the youth themselves can access, could be used too for some equipment.

The money is to be used to try and enhance facilities for the village as a whole, not just for Willand Moor. Youngsters seem happy to develop the youth club and playing field sites.

A meeting with young people will be held later this month. Dist Cllr Dennis suggested a separate meeting to discuss how to extend the youth club. Agenda item next meeting.

The adoption still has not moved forward. South West Water is still to deal with their side of the final works before adoption can take place.

Double yellow lines are required where Willand Moor joins but this requires adoption. Dist Cllr Dennis to investigate.

3. Minutes of the Meetings held:

- **Full Council 8 February**
- **Planning Committee 8 February**

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record.

4. Matters Arising:

- **Magna Housing – Park Street affordable homes**

A planning application will be on its way. The Parish Council is keen to check that the right sort of property is included.

- **Youth Shelter – update / additional lighting**

Clare Tucker has informed the Clerk that the project is underway and that the youth are applying for funding to pay for the project.

The Clerk get a quote from DCC about the additional lighting as funding does not seem to be available. The Parish Council is to pay – all in favour. The Clerk to organise.

- **Picnic Bench – Playing Field / Victoria Close park, update**

A site meeting was held with Martin Gill and Teresa from MDDC. Clerk to chase Stonemans about when the benches are to be ready.

Playing field bench to go where the old one was burnt down. Victoria park placement to be confirmed. The occupiers of No.38 & 39 Victoria Close were visited by Martin Gill to inform them of the bench and to discuss it's proposed location. The occupants of No.38 were OK with the proposal and the occupants in No.39 were unavailable; Mr Gill to try again.

- **Willand Preschool CCTV – update**

The CCTV equipment has been ordered. Preschool has had to order a fixed IP address. Clerk to get confirmation from Village Hall regarding their contribution to the funding.

- **Bus Shelters – update**

Clerk to chase.

- **Churchyard Adoption – update**

Adrian Cook and Bill Alan at MDDC have been investigating this possibility. The extra burials could be continued once the churchyard was adopted but, would depend on how many people are likely to want burial. Current maintenance could be continued. Brian Bussell's contract to be continued for an additional year with regard to the churchyard. The Clerk to advise that Willand Parish Council would like MDDC to adopt the churchyard. It is estimated that a maximum of 8 burials would be expected in 10 years. The Clerk to advise the Reverend about the plan and Ted Herniman from PCC.

- **Cemetery Extension – update**

Clerk to chase.

- **Somerlea Estate – email from Highways Management**

Willy Pike has emailed suggesting that the work on Somerlea was in fact done satisfactorily! Willand Parish Council does not agree. Repairs to be monitored.

5. **Items to be reported:**

- **Devon and Cornwall Police**

PC Davies kindly prepared a report and submitted it for the meeting. It was noted that 11 crimes were reported. There were 37 other reported incidents. Telephone kiosk – suspect interviewed, but denied involvement; incident remains undetected.

Skate boarding updates – the mood has improved around the village with a significant reduction in reported incidents. Various organisations are trying to work with the young people.

- **Mid Devon District Councillors Burgess, Dennis and Ward**

Mr Dennis:

Post Offices are under threat in the locality. Dist Cllr Dennis has written challenging the government's plan to reduce Post Offices.

Thanks to Parish Councils for not pushing their budgets this year as this has helped the District Councils total budget.

Mr Burgess:

Mr Burgess announced that £152,000 has been received by MDDC as a windfall from the business rate pot.

Mr Burgess was thanked for his efforts in discussing the adoption of the churchyard.

- **Devon County Councillor Radford**

Cty Cllr Radford has been very busy supporting the Parish Council with regard to Somerlea and bus shelters in Somerville. The possibility of a central island is also being chased in Somerville Road.

DCC has made a budget increase of 4.75%.

- **Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety – areas for attention**

The Clerk to report the following issues:

Traffic light in Silver Street – green does not work.

The Clerk to chase overgrown trees on footpaths.

6. Accounts:

- **Cheque signing**

| Number | Gross | Details | |
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| | £193.51 | British Telecom | Telephone & forward bill |
| | £929.25 | Astra Printing Group | Parish Magazine |
| | £55.00 | Brian Bussell | Mole contract |
| | £27.68 | Nina Ashley | Stationery |
| | £94.00 | Edge Designs | Software support |

These cheques were agreed and signed during the meeting.

- **Income this month**

The Clerk stated that income of £162.00 has been received from the parish magazine and £15.00 from the cemetery.

- **Bank Transfer**

The Clerk recommended that a transfer of £5,000.00 is made from the 30 day notice account to the treasurers account in order to pay for the CCTV invoice due to be received. All in favour – unanimous.

- **Grass Cutting Contract**

The Clerk suggested that an increase of 3% is offered to Brian Bussell for his grass and hedge cutting renewal. The clerk to forward the new contract stating that the churchyard element my cease from April 2008 due to planned adoption by MDDC.

- **Payroll for Litter Warden and Clerk from April 2007**

The Clerk's pay is to increase one pay spinal point as per her contract and it was suggested that the Litter Warden is offered a pay rise of 4.6% (plus 2 additional hours per week – see below) due to his excellent work. All in favour – unanimous. The Clerk to arrange payroll and bank standing orders.

7. **Correspondence Received:**

- **Steve Densham – additional lighting for playing field**

See lighting above.

- **Dean Hill Road – trees require attention**

A resident in Dean Hill Road has pruned 2 trees. The other 8 trees now look out of balance. The Clerk has advised that no planning is required. It was suggested that the resident should not have touched the trees. The Clerk to thank the resident and ask Brian Bussell to deal with the remainder of the trees.

- **Gary Pilling, MDDC – litter collection / additional 2 hours**

Additional 2 hours per week for the litter warden was proposed from April 2007. All in favour – unanimous. Clerk to check that he has the appropriate clothing. Gary Pilling would like the litter warden to collect all the litter together in one place for collection by MDDC. It was agreed that a meeting takes place with Gary Pilling, Dist Cllr Dennis, Cllr Mander and John Holmes. The Clerk to advise Mr Holmes. The Parish Council is delighted with his efforts and fully supports him. The Chairman reiterated that the Council must put the health and safety of Mr Holmes first.

- **MDDC – District Council Elections**

Leaflets were handed out in case anyone was interested in becoming a district councillor.

- **MDDC Standards Committee – papers**

Noted – not to be tabled in future.

- **The Cullompton Press – printing services**

The Council has received a speculative enquiry from a local printing company. The Council decided that the Clerk is to contact the company and liaise Brian Holmes about the matter. Agenda item next meeting.

- **MDDC Spring Clean – litter pick**

The Clerk to ask Cllr Crawford if he would be prepared to organise the event again. Agenda item next meeting.

- **DCC Budget for 2007/08**

Noted.

- **DAPC Transforming Public Services in Devon**

Cllr Marrow to review and report back next meeting. Agenda item next meeting.

- **Communities and Local Government – Revised Model Code of Conduct**

Cllr Perrett to review and report back next meeting. Agenda item next meeting.

- **Audit Commission – Appointment of external auditor**

Noted.

- **Devon Wheels 2 Work – Funding request**

Willand Parish Council proposed that the Council donate £100. All in favour - unanimous. The Clerk to forward information to the Parish Magazine including

contact details. The Clerk to arrange a cheque.

- **DAPC Royal Garden Party – 19 July 2007**
Cllr Davis and his wife have been nominated to attend.

8. Public Questions

Items to be tabled:

Devon In Touch – Feb 2007

Village Green – March 2007

DAPC Newsletter – March April 2007

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm.